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FOR: LONG TIME DRUG-SUSTAINED  
RELEASE PREPARATION

LETTER SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR  
ENTERING NATIONAL PHASE FOR A PCT APPLICATION

**BOX PCT**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

April 18, 2001

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.494 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.495, attached hereto are the following additional items necessary for entering the national phase in connection with the above-identified PCT international application.

- Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- Original       Photocopy
- The specification attached to the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney is a true copy of the specification which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 9, 2001, including any amendments thereto (if applicable) filed on even date

therewith.

The undersigned hereby declares that "Attorney Docket No. 0020-4828P" on page 1 of the attached inventors' Declaration corresponds to Appl. No. 09/786,746 filed March 9, 2001 entitled "LONG TIME DRUG-SUSTAINED RELEASE PREPARATION."

- English language specification, claims, and Abstract with ( ) sheets of drawings.
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- Attached is a copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/905.
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No extension fee is required because the undersigned has not yet received the Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905). However, if for some reason it is determined that an extension of time is necessary, applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time for the filing of the present paper in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Applicant(s) hereby respectfully petitions for ( ) month(s) extension of time for the filing of the present paper in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The required fee of \$0.00 is attached hereto.

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The Government Filing Surcharge in the amount of \$130.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.494 and 1.492 was previously paid for concurrently with the filing of the application on March 9, 2001.

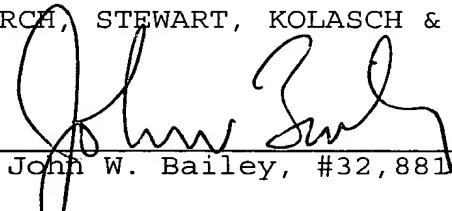
- Submitted concurrently herewith under separate cover for recording is an Assignment.
- A check in the amount of \$0.00 to cover the above-mentioned fees is enclosed.
- A Fee of \$0.00 to cover the increase in fees of the filing Surcharge is enclosed.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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